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**In re the application of:** Markus Pompejus, *et al.*

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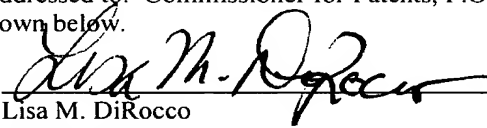
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an Office Action September 24, 2003. A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

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